

HOME, ITS PROBLEMS AND INTERESTS



THE BELTED BOLERO.

The bolero, which seems to have made a permanent place in fashions for itself on both this and the other side of the water, is shown in several different forms this season, this model being of the belted variety. Three deep pleats on either side of the front and the back are held down to the waistline by a trim belt of black satin, the material of the jacket being a satiny black broadcloth. The vest is of white broadcloth, with many rows of machine stitching in black, and the black satin is repeated in the roll collar and high cuffs. Buttons of white broadcloth appear down each side of the front, and buttonholes are simulated by loops of black soutache braid. The hat is one of those extremely French shapes, high in the back and narrowing down to almost nothing in the front. The cache-peigne is banked with roses and foliage, and broad velvet ribbon is drawn around the crown and finished with a medium-sized bow in front.

THE HOUSEKEEPER MUST AVOID TOO HEAVY MENUS FOR AUTUMN

The Dishes Should Be Appetizing and Satisfying. Many Suitable Vegetables Still in the Market.

In many households the breakfast question is a dominant one and when the cool mornings appear the housekeeper is forced to consider seriously to find just the right dishes to follow grapes or melons and cracked wheat and cream. The sultry, breathless days are over when fruit, coffee and toast seemed almost too much for the slender appetites to tolerate; yet the careful housewife who has regard for the health and happiness of her household, will be wary for some weeks to come how she serves chops, sausages, heavy rechauffes, pan cakes and other substantialia which will be in order when zero weather demands larger supplies of fuel to maintain the vital fires. Through September and until frost cut short the supply, there are many vegetables which will furnish a varied succession of dishes, appetizing, satisfying, yet not too heavy.

Tomatoes Philadelphia Style.

Tomatoes are such universal favorites that one may be sure they will find a welcome when served as the main dish for breakfast. A dish which had its inception in Penn's great city is extremely good. Wipe firm ones of medium size and firm crossways. Dip each cut face in flour, which has been liberally salted and peppered, then place flat side downward in a pan containing two tablespoons of oil or more of sizzling hot butter. Cover closely and draw a little to one side that they may cook tender without burning. Do not turn in the pan; when tender under each and transfer them, browned side up, to a hot platter. Have ready two-thirds of a dish of milk. Add the fat in the pan sufficient flour to absorb the free grease, cook for a moment, then gradually stir in the milk. Let boil up once, stirring rapidly, add salt and pepper if needed, and strain round, not over, the tomatoes. Garnish with a few bits of parsley.

A Heartier German Dish.

A somewhat heartier dish has a German origin. With a sharp knife peel some medium sized, firm tomatoes. From the stem end of each scoop out a heaping tablespoonful. Chop this and mix with a small onion which has been minced fine and browned in a tablespoonful of butter; add a high seasoning of salt and pepper, and mix thoroughly. Place the tomatoes close together in a pan. Put in each a small spoonful of the mixture and distribute the remainder in the oven just long enough to set the whites; then send the dish to the table.

Broiled Tomatoes.

For broiling, cut rather flat tomatoes in halves without paring. Dip each cut side into melted butter, then into fine bread crumbs and arrange in a fine wire broiler. Dust with salt and pepper and broil at once over a hot fire. As soon as well browned on both sides transfer to a hot platter and drop a bit of butter on each piece before sending to the table. A raw tomato omelet is one of the daintiest ways of serving eggs. For a four-egg omelet pare two good sized,

CUSHION COVERS

Some Novel and Effective Ones Are Made of Cloth and Velvet.

Cushion covers are a hackneyed subject, I know, yet I saw such an effective cover that might be made from veritable scraps that it is worth both describing and copying. The background was dark green velvet, or rather appeared to be, but was really a strip about four inches wide on the outer edge of the four sides and just a square of velvet in the center. Between these, connecting band and square, was a band of green serge, lighter in shade than the velvet, both edges being cut irregularly, arranged to overlap the velvet and button hole stitched down. Over the surface were scattered Easter lilies of white kid, for which the better parts of gloves should answer well. These were also buttonholed around the outer edges, giving a rich raised effect, white twisted embroidery silk being employed.

The petals also were defined in this way and the centers with yellow silk, the whole looking as natural as possible. All that is necessary is to cut the flower in outline, applique it, and then follow a copy of a lily when working the interior part. Such a pillow would stand quite a good deal of real practical wear, now that preparations for keeping white kid immaculate are both cheap and easily applied, and be quite a little out of the average.

A nest of boxes for safety pins making a pretty gift for a baby's wardrobe costs quite a little sum when in the stores, yet this dainty affair may be completed at home at very little time or expense. It is made of cardboard, with six little drawers, two in a row, above each other, but instead of taking this trouble, I fancy six little boxes, the kind that contain powders put up in drug stores from prescriptions, glued in the order together, should answer equally well or better.

On one end of each tiny brass ring sewn on will form handles and each of the boxes will be marked "small," "medium," "large." This complete, a broad white ribbon covers the four sides, and on the top this is tied into a large flat bow entirely covering the top, the ends displaying a spray of forget-me-nots, hand painted. There is no lack, and, falling the rings in the front doing their duty, the drawers may be quickly opened by gently pushing with the finger at the back. This is a very dainty little affair and other possibilities and usefulness besides holding safety pins.

A novel addition to the toilet table are the "three little maids." These are little bisque dolls with long flaxen hair, dressed in frocks to match the color scheme of the room and arranged to sit aft on the bureau. One holds a dainty square pin cushion, embroidered and edged with lace, in her outstretched arms; in the lap of another rests a small glass globe covered with silk and made to draw up the cord the child with a pretty frill in drawing style. This is the powder box, and the mountings of the puff must match the little maid's frock.

The third little doll boasts a large muff, but instead of being used for its purpose, she is intended to hold a good time of "finishing"—and, incidentally attending a few classes; or, perhaps, of experiencing a year or two of college life, with no intentions of turning scholar then her "finishing" must be of the more elaborate sort. Part of the sort of education she's after is the social side, where all sorts of midnight feasts and gossip gatherings over cups of tea figure largely.

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About Care of the Feet.

This is the hardest season of the year to keep the feet comfortable and free from corns. The latter may be removed by a preparation of salicylic acid and collodion, the proportions of which are known to every druggist. At least twice a week every bit of callousness must be shaved off with a sharp knife or pair of scissors. Talcum powder rubbed well into the feet and toes, both night and morning, by absorbing perspiration, will prevent growths.

Care must be taken that the toes are thoroughly dried. Moisture left between them causes the skin to break. Swelling of the feet is usually an indication that the liver or kidneys are not performing their functions properly. This is a signal that the system needs a good cleansing with gentle cathartics or an effervescent laxative. If the feet swell after long, hot, immerse them in a bath of warm water in which has been dissolved one ounce of alum, two ounces of rock salt, and two ounces of borax.

Fried Egg Plant.

Egg plant will be in market for some time to come, and makes a good and satisfying breakfast dish. Peel it preceding evening, but in thin slices, and pile on one another, sprinkling each thickly with salt. Over all place a plate and a weight. By morning the acid juice will be pressed out. Dip each slice either in seasoned flour or use first egg diluted with a little water, then plenty of fine stale bread crumbs. Drop a few slices at a time in a kettle partly filled with smoking-hot fat and cook to a delicate brown. Drain on a moment on soft paper, or saute quickly in a little hot fat in a shallow pan. Both methods are well liked in localities where egg plant cannot be procured substitute large cucumbers. Slice lengthwise and proceed in the same way as for egg plant, except that there is no need to press out the juice.

Many Ways to Serve Eggs.

When vegetables pall there are many ways of presenting eggs. Try hard boiling one for each person, boiling them for half an hour, then drain them in a colander and serve them in a hot water for five minutes, then shell and carefully cut each lengthwise into halves. Butter a shallow dish and place the eggs in it, cut side downward. Thicken a cupful of rich milk with one teaspoonful of flour diluted with cold milk, stir and boil for a moment, season with salt and pepper, and add two or three tablespoons of chopped cold ham. Pour over the eggs. Over this press through a sieve one boiled yolk, shaking to give an even covering. Add a sprinkle of chopped parsley and place in a hot oven for five minutes. This is especially dainty when served in individual dishes.

Spanish Omelet.

To a plain omelet add a Spanish filling, and the saters thereof will vote for a frequent renewal of the same dish. Chop fine one-half of a sweet green pepper (rejecting all seeds), one-quarter of a pound of fat bacon, and one medium-sized white onion. Put these together in a saucepan and cook slowly until the onion begins to turn color, then add one pint of cut raw tomato (previously skinned), or a scant pint of fine canned article. Boil down quickly until the mixture is the consistency of good sauce. As a rule neither salt nor pepper is needed, but it is best to taste. Make a plain omelet as usual, and just before folding put a few spoonfuls of the filling in the center, pouring the remainder round the omelet when on the platter. Eggs which have been carefully poached may be arranged in individual baking dishes, covered with various sauces and placed in the oven just long enough to make all hot through. These take their names from the sauces or combinations used. A spoonful of tomato sauce followed by a thick sprinkling of grated cheese is a general favorite; chopped ham or green pepper may be substituted for the cheese.



CHIC COAT SUIT.

The variety of coat styles for the coming season is as great or greater than of that just passing, and although the plain close-fitting redingote is the accepted model of the woman of good figure short coats and blouse etons are retained for the woman less favored by nature. One cut illustrates a pretty model in purple broadcloth. The flat collar, cuffs and revers are velvet, a shade darker and a large cut steel button is the only decoration.

WHAT THE GIRL NEEDS TO TAKE TO BOARDING SCHOOL

The furniture and fixings a girl needs at boarding school or college vary according to the sort of school she is going to, and, also, very much according to her motive for going.

If she is going with an idea of having a good time of "finishing"—and, incidentally attending a few classes; or, perhaps, of experiencing a year or two of college life, with no intentions of turning scholar then her "finishing" must be of the more elaborate sort. Part of the sort of education she's after is the social side, where all sorts of midnight feasts and gossip gatherings over cups of tea figure largely.

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The Couch.

Some kind of a couch should be provided, either by the powers that be or by the girl herself, and it should be preferably a box-couch, both because it is so wonderfully convenient in a place where chest and bureau space are both markedly limited, and because she can stretch out perfectly flat there—the quickest way to get perfect rest.

Pillows will probably be given to her as farewell tokens by the numerous girls who leave her; and one in the school colors she'll probably make herself. If you want to see that she is provided with them, get those interesting covers made of burial in dark, rich colors. They're inexpensive—ranging from 20 cents to \$1—give lots of comfort, and with it all, have the very character of a college den. If you make them, get a little more than enough for a set of two contrasting colors, and use the left over to make a cut-out design on the other. Do the work entirely by machine.

Burlap can be used for every sort

of thing she needs. Screens and shirt-waist boxes and odd stools can be got up in the crudest ways of plain boards, and made into interesting things by the way they are covered and trimmed with burlap, which comes in the prettiest greens and reds and blues imaginable. Some kind of a tea table is as necessary, unless it is forbidden by the rules of the school. The things for it should be pretty, but not the finest sort, for accidents are frequent, and nothing should be so hard to replace as to be a tax on the purse of the girl who is so unlucky as to break something.

Her own bureau covers and clothes she is sure to want, and napkins—lunch size, of course, for her tea table. Plain hemstitched squares of heavy linen make the prettiest sort of napkins, especially if one corner shows the initial. And the quickest, easiest way to work it is over those papier-mache initials, which act as pattern and filling at the same time.

Indian Blankets Gay.

Indian blankets lend a gay, cheery touch to the room, and are warm enough to feel mighty comfortable on chill days; and silk blankets come in a dozen gay combinations, or in the gayest, richest red or blue—a solid color. Even the esthetic, subdued lavender and greens are used in as artistic designs—art nouveau patterns that fit a room all in soft colorings so well.

As to table silver and bed linen, some schools require a certain amount of each thing to be furnished by the pupil; but these requirements are printed in little slips and forwarded to each new pupil in plenty of time before school opens.

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THE MODERN DAUGHTER

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Her father thought of the kind of instruction which is sometimes given in cuisine, and merely smiled, but, as she persisted, decided to grin and bear it at least for the time, and told her to go ahead and try it. To make a long story short, the services of Bridget were dispensed with for the season, and when he returned to town the head of the family told a friend that he regretted that he could not stay up there all year round, as he had not had such meals in years.

We have read about the purely feminine girl—the shrinking, delicate creature who lived on sentiment and was such a familiar heroine in the magazines of fifty years ago. Then the athletic girl strode in and took her place. Loud talking, heavy stepping, with knotted muscles, she had been posed with the golf club swung above her head, reminding you of a wood chopper about to strike. The opposite of the other type, the athletic girl, has become too mannish in her talk, her manner, and even her imitation of masculine dress. With the up-to-date girl we are now happy medium—not too much of the violent nor too sunflower. Physically, she is trim and supple in figure, but not athletically repulsive. She has the modesty and grace of the gentlewoman of the past, but with the self-reliance and vivacity that fanned in her chief charms. Modern education has developed her in mind and body, but has not taken from her the refinement and cacy which are so desirable in the true woman.—The Pilgrim.

SWISS SOUP.

As cooler weather comes on soups will be relished more than in summer. An uncommon yet simple variety known as Swiss soup is made of six potatoes, three turnips and a slice of salt pork boiled together in enough water to cover all well. When of the consistency of cream season with butter, salt and pepper, and add when serving a spoonful of whipped cream with grated cheese.

Chicken Consomme.

Cook a fowl in sufficient water to have one quart of broth; cool the broth, remove the fat, and clarify. Cook two tablespoons of fine tapioca until transparent; add to the broth with half a teaspoonful of celery salt, a dash of onion juice (if desired), and sufficient salt and pepper to season. When ready to serve, add a cupful of hot cream.

Clam Bisque.

Cook one pint of clams, half a cupful of rice, a sprig of parsley, and half a bay leaf in four cupfuls of veal stock until the rice is tender. Strain, add two tablespoonsful of tomato catsup and one cupful of hot cream, beat vigorously, and serve at once.

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